

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the reasons for delay in supplying five rupee denomination new notes by the RBI to the currency chest branches of nationalised banks in the country; and

(b) the time by which the new Rs.5/- denomination notes will come into circulation through each currency chest branches of banks of the country?

**Answer**

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Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

(a). There has been no delay in the supply of five rupee denomination new notes. The printing of Rs. 5/- denomination bank notes in the Ashoka Pillar Design was resumed only during May, 2001 and 184 million pieces of these notes have already been supplied till the end of September, 2001. Further, the printing of Rs.5/- notes in the new design (Mahatma Gandhi series) has also commenced from October, 2001.

(b). The printing of Rs 5 notes has begun in full swing. Preference is being given for supply of these new Rs.5/- bank notes to the branches in such regions where shortage of Rs 5/- coins is noticed and in the North Eastern Region.